(*f*) if so, are such considerations shown in the case of Anglo-Indian students seeking admission to the College Classes?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) No Anglo-Indian girl. 5 Anglo-Indian boys applied for admission, of whom 3 have been admitted.

(*b*) Of the two, one application was very late with the marks unattested. Such an application could not be considered in the absence of vacancies. The other was refused because he was a non-Cochinite.

(*c*) None.

(*d*) Does not arise.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Anglo-Indians do not come under the "Backward" communities. Being a small community special consideration has been shown to the Anglo-Indians in the matter of admission.

MALA CANAL—DEEPENING OF

116. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the work of deepening the Mala Canal will be completed in the year 1116, and for that purpose to include the item in the Budget for 1116?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* A part provision of Rs. 2,000 has been made in the Budget for 1116 (Preliminary).

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I take it that the remaining work will be completed in 1117?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

KURUMALI RAILWAY BRIDGE—REPAIR WORKS ON FESTIVAL DAYS—INCONVENIENCE TO PUBLIC

117. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state,—

(*a*) the number of days during the year 1115—1116 on which regular vehicular traffic was put to inconvenience along the Cochin road due to the repairs of the Kurumali railway bridge;

(*b*) whether the Government is aware that some of those days of repair synchronised with the *Sivarathri* festival and the *Pooram* festival;

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(c) whether the Kurumali railway bridge was not under repairs on the *Sivarathri* festival day in 1114 also; and

(d) whether the Government is aware that this repair of the bridge on festival days has seriously affected the income of the bus owners of the State and further caused inconvenience to the public?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(a) The particulars relating to 1116 cannot of course be given. In 1115 through vehicular traffic over the bridge was restricted between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. for 15 days from 1st March 1940/18th Kumbham 1115.

(b) The *Sivarathri* festival on 24th Kumbham 1115; that is, within the period when traffic was restricted; but *Pooram* festival was on 6th Medam 1115.

(c) In 1114, traffic over the bridge was restricted on 14th February 1939/2nd Kumbham 1114 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. whereas *Sivarathri* festival was on 17th February 1939/5th Kumbham 1114.

(d) Government have no information. Even if there was some inconvenience to the public it was inevitable in view of the urgent nature of the work.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know, Sir, what is the particular reason for the traffic being restricted in 1114? I am asking the question with reference to sub-division (c).

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It was for repairs to the decking of the bridge.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know, how is it that these repairs synchronised with the festival days?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I should think it must have been a coincidence.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Sir, may I invite the attention of the Government to the fact that though it is an incidental coincidence, there seems to be some deliberation in it. They are days when the bus people can expect a good traffic and it is on these days that the repairs are done, with the result that the bus traffic is completely closed on days when they expect some collection.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I shall see about this in future.

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Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: Will the Government be pleased to communicate to the railway authorities that they should inform this Government before any repairs are undertaken by them?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

ROAD TO TRICHUR RAILWAY STATION—NORTHERN SIDE—IMPROVEMENTS TO

118. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government is aware that the road leading to the Trichur Railway Station on the northern side (curve in the railway station compound) is too steep and causes great hardship to rickshaw-vallahs; and

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to make that curve less steep?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) the gradient of the road is 1 in 12·5 and causes some hardship for pulling rickshaws over it.

(*b*) the road is within Railway limits. The matter will however, be taken up with the Railway authorities.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* It is sufficient if the Government have realised the importance of the question. Personally I myself have very often felt when the riksha-valas pull their load along that steep road that it is better to get down and walk rather than asking these people to take me up that steep incline. If the Government realise this fact and try to make it all right, then I am satisfied.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Is there not an alternative route from the south?

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* People always come more from the north than from the south. That road is perhaps worse than this.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether this Government will have to spend anything to make a change in the alignment of that road by the railway authorities?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It will come under Railway revenue expenditure.

SIDE WALLS ON THE KUTHIRAN ROAD—RAISING OF

119. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether it will be pleased to raise the side walls on

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